

## TELEGRAPH COMPANIES' OFFICIALS SATISFIED

They Claim That Their Service Is Much Better Than It Was on Monday and Give Figures.

HAVE WIRES IN MANY OFFICES

Say There Are More Than Pleased With the Progress That Has Been Made with the Restoration of the Wire Service—Officials of the Western Union and Postal Have Nothing to Arbitrate.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—From the view point of the employers of telegraph operators the strike tonight is declared to be improving hourly and the officials of both the Western Union and the Postal Companies announced themselves to be more than satisfied with the progress that had been made during the day and the early hours of the night toward the restoration of wire communications throughout the country.

These officials were frank to admit that some surprise was occasioned by the action of their operators in additional cities going out today, but declared that one of the day's strikes left them with an entirely crippled force.

These statements on behalf of the companies were declared to be based on reports from all over the country.

The officials of the telegraphers' union on the other hand expressed confidence and satisfaction with the progress of the strike.

In New York at a meeting of the Wall Street chapel of the Commercial Telegraphers Union late this afternoon it was decided to present a demand tomorrow for a contract for a minimum weekly scale of \$20. The Wall street chapel has about 500 members, all men who operate brokers' leased wires in this and nearby cities. The proposed contract is to run for one year, but no time limit was set for its signature.

M. J. Reagan, state mediator of the Department of Labor of the state of New York offered his good offices to bring about a settlement. Mr. Reagan called on the officials of both the big telegraph companies, General Superintendent Brooks of the Western Union declared his company had nothing to arbitrate and Mr. Nally, of the Postal made practically the same reply.

Western Union People Satisfied.  
Joseph F. Alcorn, president of the local union, said that he had told Mr. Reagan that the operators were perfectly willing to submit their case to "sincere arbitration."

General Superintendent Brooks, of the Western Union, said tonight after receiving late reports from all divisions: "The Western Union is practically on a normal basis tonight." "The New York office answers to 1,500 office direct and today and tonight not a single call from one of these offices has gone unanswered, and without delay at that. We have now on duty more operators than we actually need and so far as my reports from all over the country go the same is true of all other divisions."

E. J. Nally, vice president and general manager of the Postal Company said: "We handled in the New York office today up to five p. m., 33,551 messages, exclusive of press matter, and when it is remembered that the normal traffic of our office is approximately 45,000 messages per day you can judge for yourself the situation as it affects us."

Postal Still Doing Business.  
Percy Thomas, deputy national president of the Telegraphers Union said: "Twenty six cities in the United States and Canada struck today. The situation tonight is satisfactory in every way to national officers."

The Associated Press wires were working tonight as usual. The entire force of day operators in the New York office reported this morning and remained at their keys until late in the afternoon, when a special order directing them to go out was made by the president of the local union. Three men obeyed the call.

Company Won in 1883.  
NEW YORK, August 13.—While the conditions in the telegraph business have greatly changed since the last great strike of operators, the causes leading to the troubles which now exist are, in the main, the same as those which precipitated the walkout which took place just after noon July 19, 1883, on orders of John Campbell,

master workman of the Brotherhood of Telegraphers, affiliated with the Knights of Labor. The next day the linemen struck.

Campbell's order to strike followed weeks of treating with the companies. There were several small companies besides the Western Union then doing business in New York and the East, in which recognition of the union, extra compensation for Sunday work, eight hours work for day men and seven for night workers, and 15 per cent increase in wages were demanded.

For these demands 5,000 operators, according to the figures given to a Senate investigating committee by Campbell, struck, and a great majority remained out until August 17, when the leaders of the brotherhood advised the operators that it was useless to continue the strike, and that all who wished should apply for their old positions at once. This decision was precipitated by heavy desertions from the ranks in the preceding days, when it became apparent that the Western Union had won and that those who would get their places back must apply while there were any positions left.

For many days during that strike the telegraph business of the country was badly crippled. The Western Union closed every branch office in the city except those in the Stock and Produce Exchange, the Fifth Avenue Hotel and one in Harlem, and the money-order business was suspended.

Other cities had similar troubles, while smaller places where the operators and managers were non-union and refused to quit were closed because the men were sent into New York and other important centers to work wires. Commercial interests for a while suffered severely. The commercial exchanges, to a large extent sympathizing with the men, used every effort to secure the arbitration of the troubles. Throughout the Western Union company refused to arbitrate.

For several days after July 19 the company had difficulty in handling business, but it gradually recruited a force of operators until the service was rapidly assuming its normal state when the brotherhood leaders saw the futility of further efforts and sent their followers back to work. Of those who went on strike many were refused re-employment and those who were taken back were compelled to sign a promise not to engage in any further strikes. Most of the leaders were among those who were not taken back and they were forced to seek employment with private enterprises.

Master Workman Campbell, in explaining the defeat of the operators and linemen, said it was not through lack of money, but because the Western Union had the greater staying power.

## DR. HALES THROWN FROM BICYCLE AND BADLY HURT

Wheel Caught in Rail and Threw Rider to Pavement With Great Force.

Dr. J. H. Hales, a well known jeweler, was badly hurt by a fall from his bicycle at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Twenty-eighth street yesterday afternoon. As the doctor was rounding the corner, on his way home, a wheel of the bicycle caught in the car track, throwing the rider to the pavement with a great violence.

Dr. Hales had the hip badly bruised and sustained other less serious bruises about his body. He was carried to his home, where Dr. W. R. Aylett attended him.

While the injuries are not considered dangerous, the patient probably will be confined to his home for several days.

## Boy Deaf Mute in Jail.

Raymond Thomas, a deaf mute only ten-years-old, was held for the reformatory by Justice Brown in the police court yesterday. The boy was arrested several days ago on the charge of kleptomania. His mother secured his release on bail and the case was set for hearing yesterday. Monday afternoon, soon after he was bailed, the child went into I. Cohen's place in Rockets and made off with a lot of shoes and trunks. He was re-arrested and yesterday Justice Brown decided that the reformatory was the best place for him.

## Ninety Days for Larceny.

John Clay, a negro employed on Chesapeake & Ohio pier 6, was sent to jail for ninety days in the police court yesterday morning for stealing several pairs of shoes belonging to the company.

## Alleged Deserter Released.

Frank Lash McCann, alias Frank Wesley Lawrence, the young man who has been held in jail as a deserter from the navy since he attempted to commit suicide in a house on Twenty-fourth street several weeks ago, was released yesterday by Justice Brown. No definite information concerning the alleged deserter could be secured, so the authorities decided to release him.

## MRS. EDDY READY TO RECEIVE INQUISITORS

Christian Science Leader Willing to Meet Men Who Want to Inquire Into Her Sanity.

## DECIDE WHETHER SHE'S COMPETENT

Judge Aldrich, Chairman of the Commission Holds That It is a Friendly Proceeding, But Senator Chandler Maintains That the Sanity of Mrs. Eddy Has Been Established.

(By Associated Press.)

CONCORD, N. H., August 13.—Three masters appointed by Judge Chamberlin of the Superior Court to determine the competency of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, head of the Christian Science Church, in connection with a suit brought by "Next Friends" for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's finances, began their hearings today. The masters are Judge Edgar Aldrich, of the United States District court; Hosea W. Parker, of Claremont and Dr. George F. Jelly, of Boston, an alienist. The commission is to determine whether or not Mrs. Eddy on March 1, of this year, was mentally competent to execute a deed transferring her property to trustees. Counsel for the "Next Friends" contend that the trust deed is illegal because of the alleged incompetency of the maker. For the "Next Friends" William E. Chandler outlined the suit and defended its good faith.

Counsel for the "Next Friends," he said, had been handicapped in the preparation of their case by the refusal of the court to allow many motions of importance. He cited among the adverse decisions of the court the denial of the motion of the defendants that counsel of the "Next Friends" be required to furnish bonds for the costs of the suit; that the court grant counsel for Mrs. Eddy an allowance from Mrs. Eddy's estate for the proper preparation and presentation of the case on the plaintiff's motion for a jury trial; the denial of access of counsel for the plaintiffs to witnesses on their side under the control of opposing counsel and the presumption of the taking of depositions in New Hampshire.

Mrs. Eddy Incompetent, Says Chandler.  
Judge Aldrich said that the masters regard this as a friendly proceeding and that there being no adverse parties, the statutory right to take depositions did not exist.

At the afternoon session Mr. Chandler said the incompetency of Mrs. Eddy was established by the trust deed which she executed on March 6, by which she transferred all her property beyond her control. Her incompetency, he added, is further shown by her evasion of taxes in the city of Concord.

He stated in closing that Mrs. Eddy was the victim not of a solitary decision, not of a notion, even insane notion, but a series of systematic decisions which influenced her whole life and which have resulted, or will result in senile dementia.

## Mrs. Eddy Will Receive Masters

Just before adjournment Judge Aldrich asked what opportunity the masters were to have to examine Mrs. Eddy herself. Frank S. Streeter, her counsel, replied that she had not sufficient strength to come in to court and undergo an examination, but she would be glad to receive the masters at pleasant view and confer with them there. A date for the visit will be arranged later.

## Canadians Can't Take Cup.

(By Associated Press.)  
ROCHESTER, N. Y., August 13.—The yacht Seneca, defender of the Canada's cup, today won from Adele, the Canadian challenger, finishing more than one mile ahead. This concludes the contest the cup remaining here.

## SHOT A BEAR IN THE GARDEN.

Mrs. Witham From Kitchen Window Saw Bruin Eating Her Berries.  
PITTSFIELD, MASS., Aug. 13.—A black bear, weighing 150 pounds, was killed on October Mountain today by Mrs. Charles Witham, a slight little woman twenty-five years old, wife of the farmer in charge of the Whitney estate.

Mrs. Witham is a dead shot, but she confessed that she was startled as she looked out of her kitchen window and saw the bear browsing among the berry bushes. She did not lose her nerve, however, but took down her husband's double-barreled shotgun and gave him the contents of both barrels. She had a fair mark at a distance of not over thirty paces, and the bear was almost instantly killed.

The animal was skinned by Mr. Witham and a rug will be made of

the skin, while the meat will furnish the larder.  
Fred Ham and Robert Dewey drove up to the estate Thursday with a trunk and came across a black bear, presumably the same one shot today. It chased the men, who were unarmed, some distance down the mountain.

## HENRY C. STUART OUT FOR NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR

Southern Leader Definitely Announces That He Will Make the Fight on Leaving Bench.

RICHMOND, VA., August 13.—Hon. Henry C. Stuart, of Russell county, member of the State Corporation Commission, will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor in 1909, though he will decline to do anything looking to the furtherance of his aspirations along this line until after he leaves the commission next February.

It has been generally understood for some months that the Southwest leader would enter the race at the proper time, and he has not denied it when friends inquired, but when asked the direct question yesterday if he expected to be a candidate he made the first public positive affirmative declaration regarding the matter. Mr. Stuart would not discuss his proposed candidacy for Chief Executive of the Commonwealth further than to say that he expected to run, and that he would do nothing in the matter until he leaves the bench. In speaking of the candidacy of Mr. Stuart last night, one of his close friends in this city, who is regarded as a strong Democratic leader, declared that the Russell county man would stand a fine chance to win, and that he would enter the field as the leading aspirant in three districts at least, "before he had hit a lick of work in the campaign."

## Big Fire at Princess Anne.

PRINCESS ANNE, MD., August 13.—The large frame business building at the corner of Main and Prince streets and other frame store buildings and a dwelling adjoining, were burned today. Loss \$21,000; Insurance, \$7,000.

## Today's Exposition Program.

Knights of the Maccabees' Day. CONVENTIONS MEETING. Reunion Jaquelin-Cary Family.

Retail Merchants Association of Virginia, Auditorium.

7:30 a. m.—Gates open.

8 a. m.—Drill, Battery D Third Regiment Artillery.

9 to 10 a. m.—Regimental Drill, Knights of the Maccabees.

10 a. m.—And hourly thereafter, exhibition of weather bureau earthquake recorder, Government Building A.

11 a. m.—Preparation of large weather map from reports from all sections of the country, Government Building A.

11 a. m.—Organ Recital, Edward C. Havens, Auditorium.

10:30 to 11:30 a. m.—Concert by Exposition Band, Food Products Building.

11:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.—Mexican National Band Concert, Reviewing Stand.

12 m. to 2 p. m.—Session of the Model School.

1 p. m.—Biographic and Stereoscopic Exhibition, Scenes on Indian Reservation with lecture, Interior Department, Government Building A.

1:30 to 2:30 p. m.—Piano Recital, Joseph Maerz, Auditorium.

2 p. m.—Biographic exhibition and lecture, scenes in Yosemite Valley, Government Building A.

2:30 to 4:30 p. m.—Phinney's United States Band, Auditorium.

2:30 p. m.—United States Life Saving Service Drill at station.

2:30 to 3:30 p. m.—Concert by Exposition Band, Social Economy Building.

3 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "Reclaiming the Desert," by Mr. J. C. Watts, U. S. R. S., Interior Department, Government Building A.

4 p. m.—Illustrated lecture, "Yellowstone National Park," Mr. E. C. Culver, Interior Department, Government Building A.

4:30 p. m.—Mlle. Fogert's Double Somersaulting Automobile—On the War Path.

5 p. m.—Dress Parade, Twenty-third Infantry.

5:30 to 6:30 p. m.—Mexican National band concert, Reviewing Stand.

6 p. m.—Drill by Twelfth U. S. Cavalry.

8 p. m.—Phinney's United States Band concert, Reviewing Stand.

8 p. m.—Special Song Recital, Miss Moller, assisted by Mr. Whidditt and Mr. Havens.

6:30 p. m.—Concert by Exposition Band, Raleigh Court.

8 to 11 p. m.—Dancing, Convention Hall.

9:30 p. m.—Mlle. Bogert's Double Somersaulting Automobile, on the War Path.

Two airship flights between 11 a. m. and 6 p. m. by Lincoln Beachy, weather permitting.

## MASSACHUSETTS DAY CELEBRATED AT FAIR

Governor Guild and Governor Swanson Principal Speakers of the Occasion.

## JAQUELIN-CARY FAMILY REUNION

Descendants of Famous Virginians Gather at Exposition and Form Permanent Organization—Great Preparations Being Made for Celebrating North Carolina Day Thursday.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, Aug. 13.—Massachusetts Day was celebrated here today under auspicious conditions, a large crowd being present, and with ideal weather prevailing.

The exercises of the day began at 11 a. m. at the Massachusetts building, and were largely attended.

Col. T. L. Livermore, president of the Massachusetts Commission, made a short address, and presented to the Governor of Massachusetts in name of the commission, the Massachusetts building. Governor Guild responded with a brief address, and accepted the building in the name of the State of Massachusetts.

At the conclusion of these ceremonies, the Governor of Massachusetts accompanied by the Governor of Virginia, together with the Exposition officials and members of the Massachusetts legislature, proceeded to the Auditorium where the principal exercises were held.

President Tucker presided at the exercises in the Auditorium and introduced Governor Swanson, who formally welcomed Governor Guild and his party to Virginia, and to the Exposition. Governor Swanson spoke feelingly of the many strong ties and interests which bind the states of Massachusetts and Virginia together.

President Tucker then introduced Governor Guild of Massachusetts. Governor Guild spoke for about forty-five minutes, and his address was often punctuated with applause. He spoke of the prominent part Massachusetts has always taken in the affairs of the nation, and also eulogized Virginia, and the Exposition.

Luncheon to Governor.  
Upon the conclusion of these exercises, Governor Guild, accompanied by his party, returned to the Massachusetts building where luncheon was served, and then proceeded to the reviewing stand on Lee Parade, where an imposing military pageant was reviewed.

The troops participating in this parade were the Twenty-third U. S. Infantry, the Massachusetts naval militia, batteries E, F, G, and H, U. S. artillery, the Ninth regiment, U. S. cavalry, the Second and Third regiments of North Carolina state militia and eight companies of sailors from the battleships in the Roads.

After the parade, the Governor of Massachusetts and his party returned to the Massachusetts building, where a reception was given in his honor, by the Massachusetts commission.

Knights of Maccabees.  
The convention of the Uniformed Rank Knights of the Maccabees of the World, in biennial encampment at the Exposition, today re-elected Major General W. H. Slotzer, of Cleveland, Ohio, as commander-in-chief, and selected Louisville, Ky., as the next place of meeting. Several additional companies arrived today and joined the camp at the Exposition.

The first of the competitive drills for the \$500 silver trophy to be awarded to the best drilled company of Maccabees at the Exposition will be held on Lee Parade tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and drills will be held every afternoon this week. Much interest is being taken in these drills and great rivalry exists between the various companies.

Jaquelin-Cary Reunion.  
The descendants of the famous Jaquelin-Cary families held their reunion in the Auditorium at the Jamestown Exposition today, and the gathering was largely attended by representatives from all parts of the United States.

As usual with events of this kind where the members of the families are widely separated or have never before met, the opening hours of the program were devoted to forming acquaintanceships.

Dr. Daniel H. Morgan, Surgeon, U. S. Navy, a great grandson of General John Smith, and representing the Jaquelin-Smith family, was chairman of the exercises.

Dr. Morgan opened the reunion by delivering a short historical review

of Jamestown and the band of 105 settlers who made the settlement.

Dr. Edward N. Cary, of Dallas, Tex., a descendant of Miles Cary and Ann Taylor, followed Dr. Morgan and in a few remarks, presented Miss Louise Pequet Du Bellot, a descendant of the Ambler-Cary branch, a beautiful gold cross and chain, in token of the appreciation of this great family, for her untiring efforts in making this reunion a success.

Following Dr. Cary, Professor John Nicholas Ambler, of Winston, North Carolina, great grandson of Colonel John Ambler, of Jamestown, Virginia, spoke on the achievements of the Anglo-Saxon race, of the little band at Jamestown Island 300 years ago, and how their ashes have been washed on the shores of fame over all the world.

At the close of Professor Ambler's remarks, Mrs. Mildred Lewis Rutherford, of Athens, Georgia, a representative of the Jaquelin-Smith-Rooted family, spoke on the kinship of the different branches of the family. Mrs. Rutherford also made a plea for greater work in the instructing of children of the early history of Virginia and of the South.

## A Permanent Organization.

Following Mrs. Rutherford's remarks there was a short business session held, during which by-laws were adopted for a permanent organization to be known as the Jaquelin-Cary Family.

The organization was started with about 300 members.

The day's exercises were wound up with a reception at 288 Duke street, Norfolk, Virginia, where a most pleasant evening was spent.

Today the entire delegation will visit Old Jamestown Island and the home of Edward Jaquelin.

## North Carolina Day.

Great preparations are in progress for one of the greatest events in the history of the exposition North Carolina Day. Hundreds of citizens of the Old North State have been in attendance at the exposition yesterday and today, but it is thought that the number present on North Carolina Day will exceed all others and elaborate arrangements are being made to handle the large crowd expected.

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina together with his staff and a large number of friends, will arrive at the exposition tomorrow afternoon and will be given a reception by Governor and Mrs. Swanson at the Virginia building in the evening.

The first regiment North Carolina State militia is expected to arrive here tomorrow. This will make three North Carolina regiments at the Tercentennial, the Second and Third having arrived Sunday. All of these regiments will be reviewed by Governor Glenn on North Carolina Day.

## RICHARD HARDING DAVIS HAS ROUGH AND TUMBLE

Author Hits Theater Manager at Ashbury Park, Who Called Him "An Imitation Englishman."

NEW YORK, August 13.—Richard Harding Davis, the author, went to witness a presentation of his comedy, "The Yankee Tourist," at the Casino, at Ashbury Park. Mr. Davis occupied a box with a party of friends, and presently thought he had reason to complain of the Casino concerning the conduct of persons in an adjoining box. The latter requested Mr. Davis to step outside the theater and talk it over.

"I went to the box office, where Mr. Rosenberg was standing," said Mr. Davis. "At his first words, which were anything but complimentary, I naturally bristled up. I asked him what he meant by speaking in that manner. His retort was more than I could stand."

Mr. Davis put down the tea and toast on which he was making a meal. "He called me," said he, deliberately "an imitation Englishman, or something of that sort. Naturally, I did not like the term, for I hold it like to the Irishman in Robert Louis Stevenson's story, who knocked a man down for calling him Irish, that no matter what one may be, it is not pleasant to be told so by another. So I hit him."

Mr. Rosenberg hit back, Mr. Davis said they clinched and struggled until the door leading to the boardwalk was reached, and then a varied assortment of life guards, vendors of popcorn and summer visitors managed to drag them apart. Mr. Davis discovered his lip was cut.

## CLOSE TO "MISSING LINK."

New Orang Outang at Bronx Zoo Walks Erect and Has Mustache.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.—An orang outang, which officials of the Bronx Zoological Park describe as the nearest approach to a human being in this country, will be placed on exhibition at the Zoo this morning, the animal being one which recently arrived from Africa.

Other orang outangs have shown strong resemblance to the higher order, but this one's excellence as a "missing link" lies in its face being smooth save for a bunch of hair on the upper lip that might properly be termed a mustache, and its habit of standing erect most of the time instead of using all fours to get about on, as most of its kind do. It weighs about seventy-five pounds and stands three and one-half feet high.

## SOLDIERS PRESENCE AWED THE NEGROES

Virginia Militiamen Arrived in Onancock and Their Guns Caused the Blacks to Shrink.

## NEGRO BURTON CAUSED TROUBLE

He is the Man Who is Said to Have Fired the First Shot and Thus Started the Trouble—Trouble is Thought to be Over But Whites Still on Guard.

ONLEY, VA., Aug. 13.—Forty soldiers arrived at Onancock last night about eleven o'clock and their coming was a great relief to the people of this vicinity, as it had been rumored in the earlier part of the evening that an armed negro band of about two hundred and fifty had started for Onancock, from the lower end of the county, headed by their old leaders, Uzzle and Burton. But upon hearing of the arrival of the soldiers they must have retraced their steps, as no sounds of their coming reached Onancock.

Onley, the adjoining town, was also in a high state of ferment last night, there being about two hundred negroes in a wood nearby holding, evidently, a conference of war. The people of Onley were on the alert, and before any headway could be made by them a special train, bringing four carloads of men from Pocomoke City, had arrived all armed to the teeth.

A vigil was kept over the building all night long and at daybreak everything had subsided. People went to their respective homes to get the well-earned rest which was due them. It is believed that the feeling is not so intense between the whites and blacks this morning, but nevertheless the troops are patrolling the town and have promised to stay until all bad feeling ceases to exist.

At a called meeting of the citizens of Onancock yesterday it was decided to allow Dr. Moon to remain in town providing he would live up to the obligations laid down before him for the next twelve months.

A search was made for Uzzle yesterday afternoon at a negro house near town, but proved fruitless. It is a theory upheld by all that Uzzle is wounded and cannot be far away. The county fair opens today at Tassley, Va., and it is feared by some that the excitement which has been aroused by this conflict will greatly interfere with the attendance this year.

Topping Says Burton Caused It.  
Samuel L. Burton, one of the leaders, was thought to have been located at Exmore, Va., Sunday, and to have boarded the Jamestown special, a north-bound flyer, yesterday. The authorities had the train stopped and thoroughly searched, but no trace of him could be found.

John Topping, the negro who was shot by his own men and seriously wounded, made an affidavit to Mayor Doughty Sunday morning disclosing the plans of the riot as made by the negroes, claiming that Burton opened fire on the bus carrying the United States mail and was leader in general. This has caused the chase for him to become much warmer than before.

## BIG WATERSPOUT HITS VESSEL IN CHESAPEAKE

Captain and Seaman of Schooner Say They Never Heard of Such in the Bay.

NORFOLK, VA., August 3.—While in the Chesapeake, bound from Baltimore to Newbern, N. C., last Saturday, the schooner Charles T. Strann, Captain Marshall, was struck by a waterspout, which came alarmingly near causing the destruction of the vessel. Captain Marshall said here today that in all the twenty years he has spent at sea nothing like the occurrence of last Saturday has befallen him, and nothing worse short of sinking is likely to overtake him.

The schooner had a cargo under deck. A torrent of water poured upon the deck, carrying away stysall, jib-boom, boat, and everything movable on deck. Even the heavy hatch covers were misplaced. The vessel groaned as if she would go down, but righted herself when the water had run off of her deck. Mariners here say that it is the first time that a waterspout has ever struck a vessel in these waters, according to their knowledge.

## C. & O. Pay Day.

Yesterday was pay day with the employees of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway. The company's pay car paid its monthly visit to the city yesterday morning.